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REMARKS

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1. On 9 May 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse, Weimar (II 51/J 57), quartered from 500 to 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [redacted] in the evening 50X1-HUM of 3 May, a column of 10 trucks and a column of 6 trucks towing guns left the installation toward Buttstedt (II 52/J 58). All trucks carried 20 to 25 soldiers and equipment. On 5 May, about 40 soldiers practiced with four 75-mm AA guns, 10 soldiers with an AAA director and 14 soldiers with a battery commander's telescope. On 9 May, five trucks towing 37-mm AA guns left the billeting area. Twenty-five soldiers were at rifle drill in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] drove out of the installation toward the north, carrying 25 soldiers with rifles and baggage. 50X1-HUM

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2. On 9 May 1952, the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse quartered about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 8 May, about 450 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia marched into the installation. The troops were organized into groups of 50 men. Several soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets left this section on 8 and 9 May. There was no training activity on 5 May. A convoy of seven trucks [redacted] and carrying an average of five soldiers, left the installation 50X1-HUM Many troops were seen in the barracks yard on 9 May. Eighty soldiers were engaged in callisthenics there. Trucks [redacted] entered the 50X1-HUM billeting area.

3. On 9 May, the central section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. Twenty soldiers policed the quarters. No other activity was noticed. [redacted]

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4. On 9 May, the western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 250 troops drilled and practiced with rifles and submachine guns in the barracks yard. About 300 troops were engaged in field training with rifles and machine guns on the drill field near the installation. About 60 soldiers practiced with six mortars. Mortar fire was heard. Trucks [ ] entered the installation. (2) 50X1-HUM  
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5. On 9 May, the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Contrary to previous observation, [ ] There was only little activity in the billeting area. On 5 May, about 15 soldiers practiced with two 37-mm AA guns, while 40 soldiers were instructed by 2 officers. About 60 soldiers engaged in record practice with rifles on 9 May. A motor vehicle inspection held on that day involved 40 soldiers and 3 officers. [ ] (3) 50X1-HUM  
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6. On 9 May, the central section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne on Ettersburger Strasse was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, including some with blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. There was much training activity on 5 May, with about 150 soldiers organized into groups of about 10 engaged in rifle drill and practiced with machine guns, and about 25 soldiers were at the target range. On 9 May, about 200 soldiers engaged in rifle drill at platoon level and about 20 soldiers cleaned signal equipment. [ ] 50X1-HUM
7. On 9 May, the western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne housed a hospital and a Russian civilian hospital. About 50 medical personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen. A resident said that only a few soldiers were hospitalized there. Ambulance [ ] was seen driving into the hospital. 50X1-HUM
8. On 10 May, the main section of the Nachrichten Kaserne on Leibniz Allee quartered about 900 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. A motor pool operated by about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was located in the barracks section with the entrance on Duererstrasse. [ ] There was much activity in the quarters of the signal unit, and the troops engaged in practice and maintenance duty on the signal equipment. About 100 troops in groups drilled with rifles. About 150 soldiers were at a signal-communication practice in the Goethe Park, and practiced the stringing of light field cables. About 10 trucks and 3 radio trucks were parked in the rear section of the billeting area. About 20 troops worked on these vehicles. A generator was put into operation there. 50X1-HUM  
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9. On 7 May, Nohra airfield quartered about 1,400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered crimson epaulets, black-bordered black epaulets and blue-bordered black epaulets. [ ] this personnel was predominantly administrative troops. Although many troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen entering and leaving the installation, [ ] no training activity in the billeting area on 3 and 7 May. On 3 May, about 80 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were at field training along the road from the airfield to Nohra airfield station. Several soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets strung telephone lines with light field cables in Nohra. [ ] 50X1-HUM  
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10. On 4 May, at about 7:20 p.m., a train of 4 boxcars with troops and an undetermined number of boxcars with 10 infantry guns, about 15 trucks, 6 sedans and 2 field kitchens passed through the Weimar railroad station from the direction of Jena (N 51/J 61) and proceeded toward Erfurt (N 51/J 36).

Comments.

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- (1) The present report tends to indicate that a unit of about 400 troops of the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army stationed there has possibly left for a prolonged period of training. The march route is indicative of the new Lossa training area; however, no components of this division have so far been reported from there. Small elements were at Altengrabow in March and at Rastrow in April 1952.
- (2) The information indicates no changes in the Tannenberg Kaserne. It is undetermined whether, except for the 501st Mort Regt [ ] of the 20th Gd Meck Div, also the 65th Gds Meck Regt from Weimar-Nohra has moved to the Tannenberg Kaserne. [ ]
- (3) The components of the 13th AAA Div in the eastern section of the Luetzen-dorf Kaserne were reduced from 500 to 300 men. [ ]
- (4) The occupation of the Nohra airfield does not appear to have changed. [ ]

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